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SUBJECT: FURTHER FRENCH VIEWS ON EC NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR MTN

REFS: A) GENEVA 4037 NOTAL; B) GENEVA 4096; C) GENEVA
4097 NOTAL; D) PARIS 15916

1. COLMANT, GOF GATT DEL,WHO LEFT GENEVA FOR
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CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS TODAY (JULY 2), TOLD US ON JULY 1 THAT GOF

CONCERNED BY POSSIBILITY THAT EC COMMISSION MAY WAIT UNTIL THIS FALL, AFTER PASSAGE OF TRA, TO PRESENT PROPOSED NEGOTIATING MANDATE TO EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

2. IF, AS EXPECTED, TNC DECIDES AT JULY 17 MEETING TO ADOPT TNC CHAIRMAN LONG'S PROPOSALS ON ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED THIS FALL (REFTEL C), EC MINISTERS WOULD THUS BE SUBJECT "TO HAVING THEIR HANDS FORCED" BY EC COMMISSION THIS FALL TO ADOPT COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR MANDATE WHICH WOULD NOT RPT NOT "UNDULY RESTRICT FUTURE FLEXIBILITY OF COMMISSION NEGOTIATIONS"(REFTEL D).

3. THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO COLMANT, GOF POSITION IS THAT EC SHOULD NOT RPT NOT AGREE IN TNC TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PROBLEMS UNTIL EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS AGREED ON SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR EC COMMISSION.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT COLMANT REPRESENTS GOF THINKING. HE IS ALMOST PATHOLOGICALLY SUSPICIOUS OF EC COMMISSION. HOWEVER, HE DOES REPRESENT AT LEAST ONE WING OF CURRETN THINKING IN PARIS. HIS CONVERSATION INDICATED TO US THAT HE PLANS TO LOBBY VIGOROUSLY IN PARIS FOR HIS POINT OF VIEW. ABRAMS

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